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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to DD/I (Admin)

SUBJECT : Preliminary Report on OCI/Research
Division Merger

1. Under the merger, AD/CI assumes responsibility for research on political, sociological, and non-bloc economic matters and for intelligence production based on that research. The formal vehicle for this production is the NIS, and AD/CI will be responsible for a major part of all NIS production. In addition, the research activity of OCI will concern itself with production in response to counter-insurgency and other requirements for which it has the subject and area competence.

2. The first phases of the merger should set the stage for realizing the advantages to be gained from the move while minimizing its disruptive effects on both the current and research functions. Accordingly, the steps outlined below are considered preliminary, to be succeeded by further steps as experience dictates.

3. Initially, each Research Division branch will be attached as a research branch to its counterpart OCI Division. Because of the organizational similarity of the two components, few adjustments will be necessary to achieve this. The analysts in the Sino-Soviet Branch, Research Division, will go into either the General Division or the China/Asian Satellites Division, according to their specialty. The Near East-African Division of OCI would be reorganized into a Near East Division and an African Division, and each would contain the appropriate branch from the Research Division.

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4. The chief of each research branch will continue the first echelon responsibilities that the Branch Chiefs in the Research Division now have for basic intelligence production, including scheduling, review, analyst guidance, etc.

5. A staff will be established for central control and review of all research activity in OCI. The chief of this staff will report directly to AD/CI and serve as his representative in all matters related to NIS and other production accomplished by the research branches.

6. With these steps, the process of integrating the staffs and functions of OCI and the Research Division for the most efficient accomplishment of OCI's responsibilities, current and research, could begin. In time, we expect it will be possible to eliminate the research branch as a separate organizational component. However, experience in fulfilling the dual responsibilities and a greater awareness of the capabilities of individual analysts are needed before a final determination as to structure can be made.

7. An important consideration governing the speed with which we can move to implement the steps above is the availability of space. To get the experience and the knowledge of personnel required, the individual area staffs, current and research, must sit together.

8. It is assumed that six positions, grades to be determined, will transfer from the Research Division T/O to ONH at the time of the move.

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